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For:

GOLD SPOT PLATED LEADFRAMES FOR SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICES AND METHOD OF FABRICATION

## AMENDMENT 37 CFR 1.116

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Responsive to the Office Action of April 17, 2002, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The rejection of claim 1 as unpatentable over Ito et al is respectfully traversed, since the reference fails to disclose or suggest applicants' invention. Contrary to the Examiner's comment, there is NO disclosure in Ito relating to any gold layer on elements 82b and 83b. The Examiner appears to be mistaken. The rejection is therefore improper and should be withdrawn.

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The rejection of claims 2 - 13 and 15 as unpatentable over Abbott in view of Akino et al and Ito et al is respectfully traversed, since the references fail to disclose or suggest applicant's invention. Since there is no disclosure or suggestion of any gold layer on Ito parts 82b and 83b, the rejection is clearly improper and should be withdrawn.

Applicants now believe the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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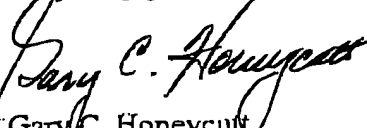
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